

EC-8035. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000, the report of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8037. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-32 Addition" (RIN3150-AG18), received March 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8038. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Contiguous U.S. District Population Segment of the Canada Lynx, and Related Rule" (RIN1018-AF03), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8039. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for a Petition to List North American Populations of Smalltooth Sawfish as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XA49), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8040. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organobromine Production Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Wastes; Land Disposal Restrictions; Listing of CERCLA Hazardous Substances, Portable Quantities; Final Rule" (FRL #6560-4), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8041. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards and New Source Performance Standards for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category; Technical Amendment; Removal" (FRL #6562-3), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8042. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, San Joaquin Unified Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, CA 224-0213a & 224-0213b" (FRL #6549-7), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8043. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and

Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon" (FRL #6544-2), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-437. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relative to the national agricultural policy; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-438. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative formula grants for gifted and talented education programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

Whereas, every child is unique and deserves a stimulating and challenging education regardless of ability; and

Whereas, true equity involves providing an appropriate education to every learner; and

Whereas, our nation's diverse student population includes academically gifted boys and girls from every region and from all ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

Whereas, gifted children are unusually swift and efficient learners in their areas of strength and therefore require in those domains a different pace, depth, and level of education than is ordinarily provided at their age; and

Whereas, being gifted doesn't automatically make these children better students, however, gifted students learn faster and in different ways than typical students, causing special educational needs; and

Whereas, only in conjunction with appropriate school challenges can gifted children realize their enormous potential contribution to our society and its citizens; and

Whereas, a nation seeking to provide for world class education cannot afford to exclude its most capable students from appropriate and equitable opportunities for educational growth in the classroom; and

Whereas, Congress has sent a message about the importance of gifted student success by funding the Javits Program of research and demonstration services with an emphasis on underserved groups;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully entreat that Congress continue to help meet the unique special needs of gifted students by including formula grants to states for gifted and talented education programs (HR 637 and S 505) in its consideration of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Be it Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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POM-439. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana relative to reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (CARE); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, in Indiana, as of January 1, 2000, more than 10,000 cases of the expanding epi-

demic known as AIDS—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—have been reported;

Whereas, the State of Indiana created a Division of HIV/STD within the Department of Health, to proactively address issues relating to HIV/AIDS, and which office now directly administers the expenditure of Federal and State funds to combat the disease;

Whereas, due to advancements in pharmaceutical therapies and an increasing focus on early intervention and treatment, the number of individuals living with HIV disease has grown significantly; the progression from HIV to an AIDS diagnosis for many has slowed considerably as a result of these therapies;

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 6,000 residents of Indiana are currently living with HIV disease;

Whereas, it is estimated that an additional 1,300 or 21 percent, of Hoosiers with HIV disease are unaware of their diagnosis, and hundreds of individuals know that they are HIV-positive but are not receiving care regularly;

Whereas, it is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that there are 40,000 new HIV infections in the United States each year;

Whereas, HIV/AIDS in Indiana disproportionately impacts communities of color, gay and bisexual men and women, as well as economically-depressed and other underserved communities;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among Whites was 7 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanics was 19.3 per 100,000, and the rate among African Americans was 44 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White males was 13 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic males was 29.9 per 100,000, and the rate among African American males was 59.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White females was 1.3 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic females was 8.4 per 100,000, and the rate among African American females was 29.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, the rate of HIV disease among African American females more than doubled compared to the rate among White females from 1998 to 1999;

Whereas, as many as 16 percent of new HIV infections occur in people under age 25, and one in eight are in young people under age 22;

Whereas, young adults ages 20-29 represent 20% of reported AIDS cases, but represent 38% of newer cases of HIV infection;

Whereas, increasingly, some individuals with HIV disease have also been diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental illness (dual diagnosis);

Whereas, substance abuse is a factor in well over 50% of HIV infections in some United States cities;

Whereas, Indiana looks to the Federal Government to assist the State in meeting the expanding health care and social services needs of the people living with HIV disease;

Whereas, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act was first adopted by Congress in 1990;

Whereas, the Ryan White CARE Act expires on September 30, 2000;

Whereas, since its inception, the Ryan White CARE Act has ensured the delivery of vital medical care and treatment and essential support services to thousands of Hoosiers, including medical examinations, laboratory procedures and evaluations, pharmaceuticals, dental care, case management, transportation, housing, legal assistance, benefits education and assistance, treatment education and adherence, and mental health counseling;

Whereas, in more recent years the State has developed the Health Insurance Assistance Program, (HIAP), using a portion of

Ryan White CARE Act dollars to purchase comprehensive health insurance policies for hundreds of Hoosiers through the Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association (ICHIA), Indiana's high risk insurance pool, at roughly one-half of the cost of providing medical and pharmaceutical services under the State's Early Intervention Program (EIP) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP);

Whereas, under Federal law, the Ryan White CARE Act is designated as the provider of last resort; therefore, it is recognized as the critical safety net program for low-income uninsured or underinsured individuals;

Whereas, the Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 contains increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, and Indiana is expected to receive \$7,813,713 beginning April 1, 2000;

Whereas, funding under Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act pays for care, treatment and social services;

Whereas, over 80% pay for life-extending and life-saving pharmaceuticals under Indiana's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and for comprehensive health insurance policies under Indiana's Health Insurance Assistance Program (HIAP);

Whereas, title III of the Ryan White CARE Act provides funding to public and private nonprofit entities in Indiana for outpatient early intervention and primary care services;

Whereas, the goal of the Ryan White CARE Act Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program (Part F) is to advance knowledge about the care and treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS by providing time-limited grants to assess models for delivering health and support services;

Whereas, SPNS projects have supported the development of innovative service models for HIV care to provide legal, health and social services to communities of color, youth, hard to reach populations, and those with dual diagnoses in Indiana; and

Whereas, the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC) is funded as part of Part F of the Ryan White CARE Act, and in Indiana, MATEC trains clinical health care providers provides consultation and technical assistance, and disseminates ever-changing information for the effective management of HIV disease; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly affirms its support of the Ryan White CARE Act, and urges the Congress of the United States to expeditiously reauthorize the Act in order to ensure that the expanding medical care and support services needs of individuals living with HIV disease are met.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader, the Chairpersons and Ranking Minority Members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Appropriations, and Budget Committees, and to the Chairpersons and Ranking Minority Members of the House Commerce, Appropriations, and Budget Committees, and to each Senator and Representative from Indiana in the Congress of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2254. A bill to amend the elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2255. A bill to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2256. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require States to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 2257. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Diiodomethyl-p-tolylsulfone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 2258. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on B-Bromo-B-nitrostyrene; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 2259. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to divide New Jersey into 2 judicial districts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 2260. A bill to allow property owners to maintain existing structures designed for human habitation at Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ROBB, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2261. A bill to encourage the formation of industry-led training consortia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday; read the first time.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 2263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2264. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Veterans Health Administration the position of Advisor on Physician Assistants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve marginal domestic oil and natural gas well production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the conferees on the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act should submit the conference report on the bill before April 20, 2000, and include the gun safety amendments passed by the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. Con. Res. 97. A concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2254. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

PUBLIC EDUCATION REINVESTMENT, REINVENTION, AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to offer a new plan for Federal education spending to refocus our national education policy on helping states and local school districts raise academic achievement for all children, putting the priority for federal programs on performance instead of process, and on delivering results instead of developing rules.

In broad terms, the public Education Reinvestment, Reinvention, and Responsibility Act—better known as the “Three R’s”—calls on states and local districts to enter into a new compact with the federal government to work together to strengthen standards and improve educational opportunities, particularly for America's poorest children. It would provide states and local educators with significantly more federal funding and significantly more flexibility in targeting aid to meet their specific needs. In exchange, it would demand real accountability, and for the first time consequences on schools that continually fail to show progress.

From my visits with parents, teachers, and principals over this past year, it is clear that we as a nation still share a common love for the common school, for its egalitarian mission, for its democratizing force, and for its unmatched role in helping generation